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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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June 18, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Alcc Palmer *CW/H*
Staff Director

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Chief Compliance Officer

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Reports Analysis Division

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Compliance Branch

SUBJECT: Withdrawal and Resubmission of Reason To Believe Recommendation –
2018 April Quarterly Report for the Administrative Fine Program

We are withdrawing the document circulated to the Commission on June 13, 2018 in order to reflect updates disclosed in recent filings received by the Commission, which would result in a lowered civil money penalty. After submission of the original RTB circulation, First State Strong FEC (AF 3385) filed the April Quarterly Report on June 14, 2018. The committee disclosed an actual level of activity which would result in a lowered civil money penalty than originally assessed. The committee disclosed total receipts and disbursements of \$4,006 (previously estimated to be \$734,166), thus the fine would be lowered from \$14,885 to \$333. The committee had not previously filed the report. The attached circulation chart reflects the updated information.

Attached is a list of political committees and their treasurers who failed to file the 2018 April Quarterly Report in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a). The April Quarterly Report was due on April 15, 2018.

The committees listed on the attached RTB Circulation Report either failed to file the report, filed the report no more than thirty (30) days after the due date (considered a late filed report), or filed the report more than thirty (30) days after the due date (considered a non-filed report). In accordance with the schedule of civil money penalties

for reports at 11 C.F.R. 111.43, these committees should be assessed the civil money penalties highlighted on the attached circulation report.

Recommendation

- 1.
2. Find reason to believe that the political committees and their treasurers, in their official capacity, listed on the RTB Circulation Report violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalties would be the amounts indicated on the RTB Circulation Report.
3. Send the appropriate letters.

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Federal Election Commission
Reason to Believe Circulation Report
2018 APRIL QUARTERLY Not Election Sensitive 04/15/2018 H_S_P_UNAUTH

AF#	Committee ID	Committee Name	Candidate Name	Treasurer	Threshold	PV	Receipt Date	Days Late	LOA	RTB Penalty
3374	C00612796	ADAM BELL POLITICAL CAMPAIGN	ADAM BELL	WILLIAM LOUIS ZONA JR.	\$230,253	0		Not Filed	\$46,051 (est)	\$1,200
3375	C00623256	AMERICA COMES FIRST PAC		DAVID W. SCHAMENS	\$154,404	4		Not Filed	\$154,404 (est)	\$15,594
3376	C00319517	BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT POLITICAL ADVANCEMENT COUNCIL		JOE L. REED	\$667,682	0		Not Filed	\$222,560 (est)	\$9,214
3377	C00631382	BOLD CONSERVATIVES PAC		RYAN ZYNDA	\$4,552,207	0	5/8/2018	23	\$65,356	\$2,887
3378	C00663104	COMMITTEE TO ELECT HP	HAMID PARVIZIAN	DOUNIA METOURI	\$213,822	0		Not Filed	\$108,911 (est)	\$6,380
3379	C00663435	COMMITTEE TO ELECT MAURO GARZA FOR US CONGRESS	MAURO EVERETT GARZA	BERNARDINO RODRIGUEZ	\$229,563	0		Not Filed	\$114,782 (est)	\$6,380
3380	C00641332	COMMITTEE TO ELECT STEFANO DE STEFANO	STEFANO DE STEFANO	MARY BETH GUILBO	\$1,171,909	0		Not Filed	\$292,977 (est)	\$11,341
3381	C00656306	COPS AND KIDS TOGETHER		PAUL KUTAC	\$747,771	0	4/24/2018	9	\$716,775	\$7,508
3382	C00638767	CORI BUSH 2018	CORI BUSH	CORI BUSH	\$153,498	0	5/25/2018	40 (Not Filed*)	\$1,028	\$333
3383	C00610022	DOUGLAS HOWARD PIERCE FOR US SENATE	DOUGLAS HOWARD PIERCE	SYLVIA FOGELMAN	\$100,408	0	5/28/2018	44 (Not Filed*)	\$91,408	\$4,861
3384	C00634543	DR KATHIE ALLEN FOR CONGRESS	KATHRYN ALLEN	CHRISTOPHER STOUT	\$1,728,929	0		Not Filed	\$288,155 (est)	\$11,341
3385	C00632109	FIRST STATE STRONG FEC		MICHAEL FINNIGAN	\$1,472,338	0	6/14/2018	60 (Not Filed*)	\$4,006	\$333
3386	C00649079	HOLDEN 2018	DAVID HOLDEN	VIKI COEN	\$169,411	0	4/23/2018	8	\$103,118	\$2,274
3387	C00630772	KEATLEY FOR CHANGE	RICHARD KEATLEY	KEISHA A. CARTER	\$115,562	0	5/10/2018	25	\$28,232	\$958
3388	C00315713	LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF ILLINOIS		BRIAN W. DUNN	\$106,551	0	4/22/2018	7	\$61,934	\$1,175
3389	C00507699	NATIONAL INDEPENDENT AUTOMOBILE DEALERS ASSOCIATION PAC FUND		CHRIS G. MARTIN	\$328,567	0	4/27/2018	12	\$4,692	\$106
3390	C00636902	NY18VOTES		LINDA SAKAI	\$115,165	0	4/27/2018	12	\$25,509	\$607
3391	C00524355	PATRIOTS FOR ECONOMIC FREEDOM		ALEXANDER HORNADAY	\$160,718	0		Not Filed	\$40,180 (est)	\$1,200
3392	C00635045	POLITICAL JAB - JOSHUA A. BUTLER	JOSHUA A. BUTLER	JOSHUA BUTLER	\$110,781	0		Not Filed	\$22,156 (est)	\$687
3394	C00612846	THE DEMOCRATIC COALITION		FRANCESCA N. LUCIA	\$1,087,240	2	4/21/2018	6	\$94,470	\$2,128
3395	C00656215	TIM GOMES FOR CONGRESS	TIM GOMES	JENNIFER MAY	\$1,315,676	0		Not Filed	\$657,838 (est)	\$14,885
3396	C00649368	TIM RICH FOR CONGRESS	TIMOTHY A. RICH	TIMOTHY A. RICH	\$136,815	0	6/4/2018	50 (Not Filed*)	\$2,597	\$333

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AF#	Committee ID	Committee Name	Candidate Name	Treasurer	Threshold	PV	Receipt Date	Days Late	LOA	RTB Penalty
3397	C00368415	U.A. PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS LOCAL NO. 22 P.A.C. INC.		SEAN P. REDDEN	\$146,482	0		Not Filed	\$73,241 (est)	\$3,828
3398	C00651307	WILLIAMS FOR WEST VIRGINIA	STEVE WILLIAMS	MARC E. WILLIAMS	\$160,461	0	4/24/2018	9	\$26,804	\$526

The committee filed their report more than thirty (30) days after the report due date; therefore, per 11 C.F.R. 111.43(e), the report is considered to be not filed.

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
)
Withdrawal and Resubmission of Reason)
To Believe Recommendation - 2018 April)
Quarterly Report for the Administrative)
Fine Program:)
ADAM BELL POLITICAL CAMPAIGN,) AF# 3374
and ZONA, LOUIS WILLIAM JR. as)
treasurer;)
AMERICA COMES FIRST PAC, and) AF# 3375
SCHAMENS, DAVID W MR. as treasurer;)
BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT) AF# 3376
POLITICAL ADVANCEMENT)
COUNCIL, and JOE L REED as treasurer;)
BOLD CONSERVATIVES PAC, and) AF# 3377
ZYNDA, RYAN as treasurer;)
COMMITTEE TO ELECT HP, and) AF# 3378
METOURI, DOUNIA as treasurer;)
COMMITTEE TO ELECT MAURO) AF# 3379
GARZA FOR US CONGRESS, and)
RODRIGUEZ, BERNARDINO MR. as)
treasurer;)
COMMITTEE TO ELECT STEFANO DE) AF# 3380
STEFANO, and MARY BETH GUILBO as)
treasurer;)
COPS AND KIDS TOGETHER, and) AF# 3381
KUTAC, PAUL as treasurer;)
CORI BUSH 2018, and BUSH, CORI as) AF# 3382
treasurer;)
DOUGLAS HOWARD PIERCE FOR US) AF# 3383
SENATE, and SYLVIA FOGELMAN as)
treasurer;)
DR KATHIE ALLEN FOR CONGRESS,) AF# 3384
and STOUT, CHRISTOPHER as treasurer;)
FIRST STATE STRONG FEC, and) AF# 3385
FINNIGAN, MICHAEL as treasurer;)
HOLDEN 2018, and VIKI COEN as) AF# 3386
treasurer;)
KEATLEY FOR CHANGE, and CARTER,) AF# 3387
KEISHA A MRS. as treasurer;)
LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF ILLINOIS,) AF# 3388
and DUNN, BRIAN W. as treasurer;)

AF#3374 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that ADAM BELL POLITICAL CAMPAIGN, and ZONA, LOUIS WILLIAM JR. in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

I, Dayna C. Brown, Secretary and Clerk of the Federal Election Commission,
do hereby certify that on June 20, 2018 the Commission took the following actions on
the Withdrawal and Resubmission of Reason To Believe Recommendation - 2018
April Quarterly Report for the Administrative Fine Program as recommended in the
Reports Analysis Division's Memorandum dated June 18, 2018, on the following
committees:

AF#3375 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that AMERICA COMES FIRST PAC, and SCHAMENS, DAVID W MR. in his official capacity treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3376 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT POLITICAL ADVANCEMENT COUNCIL, and JOE L REED in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3377 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that BOLD CONSERVATIVES PAC, and ZYNDA, RYAN in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3378 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that COMMITTEE TO ELECT HP, and METOURI, DOUNIA in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3379 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that COMMITTEE TO ELECT MAURO GARZA FOR US CONGRESS, and RODRIGUEZ, BERNARDINO MR. in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3380 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that COMMITTEE TO ELECT STEFANO DE STEFANO, and MARY BETH GUILBO in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3381 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that COPS AND KIDS TOGETHER, and KUTAC, PAUL in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3382 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that CORI BUSH 2018, and BUSH, CORI in her as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3383 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that DOUGLAS HOWARD PIERCE FOR US SENATE, and SYLVIA FOGELMAN in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3384 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that DR KATHIE ALLEN FOR CONGRESS, and STOUT, CHRISTOPHER in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3385 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that FIRST STATE STRONG FEC, and FINNIGAN, MICHAEL in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3386 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that HOLDEN 2018, and VIKI COEN in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3387 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that KEATLEY FOR CHANGE, and CARTER, KEISHA A MRS. in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3388 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF ILLINOIS, and DUNN, BRIAN W. in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3389 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that NATIONAL INDEPENDENT AUTOMOBILE DEALERS ASSOCIATION PAC FUND, and MARTIN, CHRIS G in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3390 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that NY19VOTES, and SAKAI, LINDA in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3391 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that PATRIOTS FOR ECONOMIC FREEDOM, and HORNADAY, ALEXANDER in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3392 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that POLITICAL JAB - JOSHUA A. BUTLER, and BUTLER, JOSHUA in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3394 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that THE DEMOCRATIC COALITION, and LUCIA, FRANCESCA N in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3395 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that TIM GOMES FOR CONGRESS, and MAY, JENNIFER in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

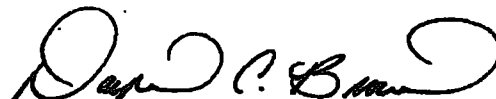
AF#3396 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that TIM RICH FOR CONGRESS, and RICH, TIMOTHY A in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3397 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that U.A. PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS LOCAL NO. 22 P.A.C., INC., and REDDEN, SEAN P. in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3398 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that WILLIAMS FOR WEST VIRGINIA, and WILLIAMS, MARC E. in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

June 20, 2018
Date


Dayna C. Brown
Secretary and Clerk of the Commission



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 20, 2018

Francesca N. Lucia, in official capacity as Treasurer
The Democratic Coalition
1207 Willow Ave, #16
Hoboken, NJ 07030

C00612846
AF#: 3394

Dear Ms. Lucia:

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), requires that your committee file an April Quarterly Report of Receipts and Disbursements in a calendar year during which there is a regularly scheduled election. This report, covering the period January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018, shall be filed no later than April 15, 2018. 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a). Records at the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") indicate that an April Monthly Report with those coverage dates was filed on April 21, 2018, 6 days late.

The Act permits the FEC to impose civil money penalties for violations of the reporting requirements of 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a). 52 U.S.C. § 30109g(a)(4). On June 20, 2018, the FEC found that there is reason to believe ("RTB") that The Democratic Coalition and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) by failing to file timely this report on or before April 15, 2018. Based on the FEC's schedules of civil money penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage is \$2,128. Please see the attached copy of the Commission's administrative fine regulations at 11 CFR §§ 111.30-111.55. Attachment 1. The Commission's website contains further information about how the administrative fine program works and how the fines are calculated. See <http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml>. 11 CFR § 111.34. Your payment of \$2,128 is due within forty (40) days of the finding, or by July 30, 2018, and is based on these factors:

Election Sensitivity of Report: Not Election Sensitive
Level of Activity: \$94,470
Number of Days Late: 6
Number of Previous Civil Money Penalties Assessed: 2

At this juncture, the following courses of action are available to you:

1. If You Choose to Challenge the RTB Finding and/or Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to challenge the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, you must submit a written response to the FEC's Office of Administrative Review, 1050 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002. Your response must include the AF# (found at the top of page 1 under your committee's identification number) and be received within forty (40) days of the Commission's RTB finding, or July 30, 2018. 11 CFR § 111.35(a). Your written response must include the reason(s) why you are challenging the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, and must include the factual basis supporting the reason(s) and supporting documentation. The FEC strongly encourages that documents be submitted in the form of affidavits or declarations. 11 CFR § 111.36(c).

The FEC will only consider challenges that are based on at least one of three grounds: (1) a factual error in the RTB finding; (2) miscalculation of the calculated civil money penalty by the FEC; or (3) your demonstrated use of best efforts to file in a timely manner when prevented from doing so by reasonably unforeseen circumstances that were beyond your control. 11 CFR § 111.35(b). In order for a challenge to be considered on the basis of best efforts, you must have filed the required report no later than 24 hours after the end of these reasonably unforeseen circumstances. *Id.* Examples of circumstances that will be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are not limited to: (1) a failure of Commission computers or Commission-provided software despite your seeking technical assistance from Commission personnel and resources; (2) a widespread disruption of information transmissions over the Internet that is not caused by a failure of the Commission's or your computer systems or Internet service provider; and (3) severe weather or other disaster-related incident. 11 CFR § 111.35(c). Examples of circumstances that will not be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are not limited to: (1) negligence; (2) delays caused by vendors or contractors; (3) treasurer and staff illness, inexperience or unavailability; (4) committee computer, software, or Internet service provider failures; (5) failure to know filing dates; and (6) failure to use filing software properly. 11 CFR § 111.35(d).

The "failure to raise an argument in a timely fashion during the administrative process shall be deemed a waiver" of your right to present such argument in a petition to the U.S. District Court under 52 U.S.C. § 30109. 11 CFR § 111.38.

If you intend to be represented by counsel, please advise the Office of Administrative Review. You should provide, in writing, the name, address and telephone number of your counsel and authorize counsel to receive notifications and communications relating to this challenge and imposition of the calculated civil money penalty.

2. If You Choose Not to Pay the Civil Money Penalty and Not to Submit a Challenge

If you do not pay the calculated civil money penalty and do not submit a written response, the FEC will assume that the preceding factual allegations are true and make a final determination that The Democratic Coalition and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess a civil money penalty.

Unpaid civil money penalties assessed through the Administrative Fine regulations will be subject to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 ("DCA"), as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. § 3701 *et seq.* The FEC may take any and all appropriate

action authorized and required by the DCA, as amended, including transfer to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for collection. 11 CFR § 111.51(a)(2).

3. If You Choose to Pay the Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to pay the calculated civil money penalty, follow the payment instructions on page 4 of this letter. Upon receipt of your payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

NOTICE REGARDING PARTIAL PAYMENTS AND SETTLEMENT OFFERS

4. Partial Payments

If you make a payment in an amount less than the calculated civil money penalty, the amount of your partial payment will be credited towards the full civil money penalty that the Commission assesses upon making a final determination.

5. Settlement Offers

Any offer to settle or compromise a debt owed to the Commission, including a payment in an amount less than the calculated civil money penalty assessed or any restrictive endorsements contained on your check or money order or proposed in correspondence transmitted with your check or money order, will be rejected. Acceptance and deposit or cashing of such a restricted payment does not constitute acceptance of the settlement offer. Payments containing restrictive endorsements will be deposited and treated as a partial payment towards the civil money penalty that the Commission assesses upon making a final determination. All unpaid civil money penalty amounts remaining will be subject to the debt collection procedures set forth in Section 2, above.

This matter was generated based on information ascertained by the FEC in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(2). Unless you notify the FEC in writing that you wish the matter to be made public, it will remain confidential in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4)(B) and 30109(a)(12)(A) until it is placed on the public record at the conclusion of this matter in accordance with 11 CFR § 111.42.

As noted earlier, you may obtain additional information on the FEC's administrative fine program, including the final regulations, on the FEC's website at <http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml>. If you have questions regarding the payment of the calculated civil money penalty, please contact Ben Holly in the Reports Analysis Division at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202) 694-1130. If you have questions regarding the submission of a challenge, please contact the Office of Administrative Review at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1660) or (202) 694-1660.

On behalf of the Commission,

Carole C. Hunter

Caroline C. Hunter
Chair

ADMINISTRATIVE FINE REMITTANCE & PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

In accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at RTB is \$2,128 for the 2018 April Quarterly Report.

You may remit payment by ACH withdrawal from your bank account, or by debit or credit card through Pay.gov, the federal government's secure portal for online collections. Visit www.fec.gov/af/pay.shtml to be directed to Pay.gov's Administrative Fine Program Payment form.

This penalty may also be paid by check or money order, made payable to the Federal Election Commission. It should be sent by mail to:

Federal Election Commission
P.O. Box 979058
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

If you choose to send your payment by courier or overnight delivery, please send to:

U.S. Bank - Government Lockbox
FEC #979058
1005 Convention Plaza
Attn: Government Lockbox, SL-MO-C2GL
St. Louis, MO 63101

PAYMENTS BY PERSONAL CHECK

Personal checks will be converted into electronic funds transfers (EFTS). Your account will be electronically debited for the amount on your check, usually within 24 hours, and the debit will appear on your regular statement. We will destroy your original check and keep a copy of it. In case the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in lieu of the original check. Should the EFT not be completed because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer twice.

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THE PORTION BELOW WITH YOUR PAYMENT

FOR: The Democratic Coalition

FEC ID#: C00612846

AF#: 3394

PAYMENT DUE DATE: July 30, 2018

PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$2,128



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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MEMORANDUM

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TO: The Commission

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SUBJECT: Administrative Fine Program – Final Determination Recommendation for the
2018 April Quarterly Report

Attached are two lists of political committees and their treasurers against which the Commission has found reason to believe (RTB) and assessed proposed civil money penalties calculated at RTB for failure to file or failure to timely file the 2018 April Quarterly Report. The first list represents the committees that have paid the civil money penalty and the second list represents the committees that have not paid the civil money penalty. The committees that have not paid have been given at least forty (40) days from the date of the Commission's RTB finding to remit payment.

In accordance with 11 CFR § 111.34 and 11 CFR § 111.40, the Commission shall send a final determination notice to those respondents that have either paid or not paid the civil money penalty.

For your information, six (6) committees disclosed a level of activity after the RTB finding, which would result in a lowered civil money penalty. An overview of these cases has been provided below.

Blacks In Government Political Advancement Council (AF 3376) filed the 2018 April Quarterly Report after the RTB finding and disclosed an actual level of activity which would result

in a lowered civil money penalty than that assessed at RTB. The committee disclosed total receipts and disbursements of \$12,279 (previously estimated to be \$222,560), thus the fine would be lowered from \$9,214 to \$667.

Committee to Elect Mauro Garza for US Congress (AF 3379) filed the 2018 April Quarterly Report after the RTB finding and disclosed an actual level of activity which would result in a lowered civil money penalty than that assessed at RTB. The committee disclosed total receipts and disbursements of \$35,272 (previously estimated to be \$114,782), thus the fine would be lowered from \$6,380 to \$1,200.

Committee to Elect Stefano De Stefano (AF 3380) filed the 2018 April Quarterly Report after the RTB finding and disclosed an actual level of activity which would result in a lowered civil money penalty than that assessed at RTB. The committee disclosed total receipts and disbursements of \$18,740 (previously estimated to be \$292,977), thus the fine would be lowered from \$11,341 to \$667.

Dr Kathie Allen for Congress (AF 3384) filed the 2018 April Quarterly Report after the RTB finding and disclosed an actual level of activity which would result in a lowered civil money penalty than that assessed at RTB. The committee disclosed total receipts and disbursements of \$6,164 (previously estimated to be \$288,155), thus the fine would be lowered from \$11,341 to \$400.

Patriots for Economic Freedom (AF 3391) filed the 2018 April Quarterly Report after the RTB finding and disclosed an actual level of activity which would result in a lowered civil money penalty than that assessed at RTB. The committee disclosed total receipts and disbursements of \$329 (previously estimated to be \$40,180), thus the fine would be lowered from \$1,200 to \$329.

Political JAB - Joshua A. Butler (AF 3392) filed the 2018 April Quarterly Report after the RTB finding and disclosed an actual level of activity which would result in a lowered civil money penalty than that assessed at RTB. The committee disclosed total receipts and disbursements of \$1,784 (previously estimated to be \$22,156), thus the fine would be lowered from \$667 to \$333.

For your information, three (3) committees disclosed a change in treasurer after the RTB finding. An overview of these cases has been provided below.

Finance Committee for Douglas Howard Pierce (AF 3383) filed an Amended Statement of Organization after the RTB finding designating Douglas Howard Pierce as Treasurer.

Dr Kathie Allen for Congress (AF 3384) filed an Amended Statement of Organization after the RTB finding designating Kathryn Allen as Treasurer.

The previous Treasurer for The Democratic Coalition (AF 3394) filed a Miscellaneous Text Submission after RTB, resigning as Treasurer. As of today, a new Treasurer has not been officially appointed.

- (1) Make a final determination that the political committees and their treasurers, in their official capacity, listed on the attached reports violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalties so indicated.
- (2) Send the appropriate letters.

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AF#	Committee Name	Candidate Name	Committee ID	Treasurer	Receipt Date	Days Late	LOA	PV	RTB Date	RTB Penalty	Final Money Penalty	Date Paid	Amount Paid
3381	COPS AND KIDS TOGETHER		C00656306	PAUL KUTAC	04/24/2018	8	\$716,775	0	06/20/2018	\$7,508	\$7,508	10/1/2018	\$7,516**
3382	CORI BUSH FOR CONGRESS	CORI BUSH	C00638787	CORI BUSH	05/25/2018	40 (Not Filed*)	\$27,425	0	06/20/2018	\$333	\$333	07/17/2018	\$333
3384	DR KATHIE ALLEN FOR CONGRESS	KATHRYN ALLEN	C00634543	KATHRYN ALLEN	11/16/2018	215 (Not Filed*)	\$6,164	0	06/20/2018	\$11,341	\$400	03/20/2019	\$400
3385	FIRST STATE STRONG FEC		C00632109	MICHAEL FINNIGAN	06/14/2018	60 (Not Filed*)	\$4,006	0	06/20/2018	\$333	\$333	07/31/2018	\$333
3386	HOLDEN 2018	DAVID HOLDEN	C00649079	VIKI COEN	04/23/2018	8	\$113,377	0	06/20/2018	\$2,274	\$2,274	07/10/2018	\$2,274
3388	LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF ILLINOIS		C00315713	BRIAN W. DUNN	04/22/2018	7	\$61,834	0	06/20/2018	\$1,175	\$1,175	07/23/2018	\$1,175
3389	NATIONAL INDEPENDENT AUTOMOBILE DEALERS ASSOCIATION PAC FUND		C00507699	CHRIS G. MARTIN	04/27/2018	12	\$4,692	0	06/20/2018	\$106	\$106	07/25/2018	\$106
3390	NY19VOTES		C00636902	LINDA SAKAI	04/27/2018	12	\$25,509	0	06/20/2018	\$607	\$607	06/27/2018	\$607
3398	WILLIAMS FOR WEST VIRGINIA	STEVE WILLIAMS	C00651307	MARC E WILLIAMS	04/24/2018	9	\$26,804	0	06/20/2018	\$526	\$526	11/26/2018	\$526

* The committee filed their report more than thirty (30) days after the due date; therefore, the report is considered not filed.

** The committee overpaid the civil money penalty assessed at RTB; therefore, we will issue a refund for the difference.

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3374	ADAM BELL POLITICAL CAMPAIGN	ADAM BELL	C00812796	LOUIS WILLIAM ZONA, JR.	07/11/2018	87 (Not Filed*)	\$185,346	0	08/20/2018	\$1,200	299	\$1,200
3375	AMERICA COMES FIRST PAC		C00823256	DAVID W. SCHAMENS		Not Filed	\$154,404 (est)	4	08/20/2018	\$15,594	299	\$15,594
3376	BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT POLITICAL ADVANCEMENT COUNCIL		C00319517	JOE L. REED	07/10/2018	86 (Not Filed*)	\$12,279	0	08/20/2018	\$9,214	299	\$967
3377	BOLD CONSERVATIVES PAC		C00631382	RYAN ZYNDA	05/08/2018	23	\$85,356	0	08/20/2018	\$2,667	299	\$2,667
3378	COMMITTEE TO ELECT HP	HAMID PARVIZIAN	C00683104	DOUNIA METOURI		Not Filed	\$108,911 (est)	0	08/20/2018	\$5,380	299	\$5,380
3379	COMMITTEE TO ELECT MAURO GARZA FOR US CONGRESS	MAURO EVERETT GARZA	C00663435	BERNARDINO RODRIGUEZ	07/18/2018	92 (Not Filed*)	\$35,272	0	08/20/2018	\$6,380	299	\$1,200
3380	COMMITTEE TO ELECT STEFANO DE STEFANO	STEFANO DE STEFANO	C00841332	MARY BETH GUILBO	08/01/2018	108 (Not Filed*)	\$18,740	0	08/20/2018	\$11,341	299	\$667
3383	FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR DOUGLAS HOWARD PIERCE	DOUGLAS HOWARD PIERCE	C00810022	DOUGLAS HOWARD PIERCE	05/29/2018	44 (Not Filed*)	\$91,408	0	08/20/2018	\$4,861	299	\$4,961
3387	KEATLEY FOR CHANGE	RICHARD KEATLEY	C00630772	KEISHA A. CARTER	05/10/2018	25	\$26,232	0	08/20/2018	\$958	299	\$958
3391	PATRIOTS FOR ECONOMIC FREEDOM		C00524355	ALEXANDER HORNADAY	07/15/2018	91 (Not Filed*)	\$329	0	08/20/2018	\$1,200	299	\$329
3392	POLITICAL JAB - JOSHUA A. BUTLER	JOSHUA A. BUTLER	C00835045	JOSHUA BUTLER	07/15/2018	91 (Not Filed*)	\$1,784	0	08/20/2018	\$667	299	\$333
3394	THE DEMOCRATIC COALITION		C00812848	OFFICE OF TREASURER	04/21/2018	6	\$94,470	2	08/20/2018	\$2,128	299	\$2,128
3395	TIM GOMES FOR CONGRESS	TIM GOMES	C00656215	JENNIFER MAY	07/11/2018	87 (Not Filed*)	\$1,114,688	0	08/20/2018	\$14,885	299	\$14,885
3396	TIM RICH FOR CONGRESS	TIMOTHY A. RICH	C00849368	TIMOTHY A. RICH	06/04/2018	50 (Not Filed*)	\$2,597	0	08/20/2018	\$333	299	\$333

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
) AF 3394
Administrative Fine Program – Final)
Determination Recommendation for the)
2018 April Quarterly Report: The)
Democratic Coalition and Office of)
Treasurer)

CERTIFICATION

I, Dayna C. Brown, Secretary and Clerk of the Federal Election
Commission, do hereby certify that on April 18, 2019, the Commission decided
by a vote of 4-0 take the following actions in AF 3394:

1. Make a final determination that The Democratic Coalition and
Office of Treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the
final civil money penalty in the amount of \$2,128.
2. Send the appropriate letter.

Commissioners Hunter, Petersen Walther, and Weintraub voted
affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

April 18, 2019
Date

Dayna C. Brown
Dayna C. Brown
Secretary and Clerk of the Commission



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

April 18, 2019

Office of Treasurer, in official capacity as Treasurer
The Democratic Coalition
1207 Willow Ave., #16
Hoboken, NJ 07030

C00612846
AF#: 3394

Dear Office of Treasurer:

On June 20, 2018, the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") found reason to believe ("RTB") that The Democratic Coalition and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) for filing late or failing to file the 2018 April Quarterly Report. By letter dated June 20, 2018, the Commission notified you of the RTB finding and the civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage to be \$2,128 in accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43. Within forty (40) days of the FEC's RTB finding, you, as treasurer, were required to either transmit payment of the calculated civil money penalty or submit a written response challenging either the RTB finding or the calculated civil money penalty.

The FEC did not receive payment of the calculated civil money penalty or a written response within the time permitted. The FEC made a final determination on April 18, 2019 that The Democratic Coalition and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assessed a civil money penalty in the amount of \$2,128 in accordance with 11 CFR § 111.43. The civil money penalty is based on these factors:

Election Sensitivity of Report: Not Election Sensitive
Level of Activity: \$94,470
Number of Days Late: 6
Number of Previous Civil Money Penalties Assessed: 2

At this juncture, the following courses of action are available to you:

1. If You Choose to Appeal the Final Determination and/or Civil Money Penalty

If you choose to appeal the final determination, you should submit a written petition, within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter, to the U.S. District Court for the district in which the committee or you reside, or transact business, requesting that the final determination be modified or set aside. See 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4)(C)(iii). Your failure to raise an argument in a timely fashion during the administrative process shall be deemed a waiver of the respondents' right to present such argument in a petition to the district court under 52 U.S.C. § 30109. 11 CFR § 111.38.

2. If You Choose Not to Pay the Civil Money Penalty and Not to Appeal

Unpaid civil money penalties assessed through the Administrative Fine regulations will be subject to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 ("DCA") as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 ("DCIA"), 31 U.S.C. § 3701 *et seq.* If you do not pay this debt within thirty (30) days (or file a written petition to a federal district court - see below), the Commission will transfer the debt to the U.S. Department of the Treasury ("Treasury") for collection. Within five (5) days of the transfer to Treasury, Treasury will contact you to request payment. Treasury currently charges a fee of 30% of the civil money penalty amount for its collection services. If the age of the debt is greater than or equal to two years old, Treasury will charge a fee of 32% of the civil money penalty amount for its collection services. The fee will be added to the amount of the civil money penalty that you owe. Should Treasury's attempts fail, Treasury will refer the debt to a private collection agency ("PCA"). If the debt remains unpaid, Treasury may recommend that the Commission refer the matter to the Department of Justice for litigation.

Actions which may be taken to enforce recovery of a delinquent debt by Treasury may also include: (1) offset of any payments, which the debtor is due, including tax refunds and salary; (2) referral of the debt to agency counsel for litigation; (3) reporting of the debt to a credit bureau; (4) administrative wage garnishment; and (5) reporting of the debt, if discharged, to the IRS as potential taxable income. In addition, under the provisions of DCIA and other statutes applicable to the FEC, the debtor may be subject to the assessment of other statutory interest, penalties, and administrative costs.

In accordance with the DCIA, at your request, the agency will offer you the opportunity to inspect and copy records relating to the debt, the opportunity for a review of the debt, and the opportunity to enter into a written repayment agreement.

3. If You Choose to Pay the Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to pay the civil money penalty, follow the payment instructions on page 4 of this letter. You should make payment within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter.

NOTICE REGARDING PARTIAL PAYMENTS AND SETTLEMENT OFFERS

4. Partial Payments

If you make a payment in an amount less than the civil money penalty, the amount of your partial payment will be credited towards the full civil money penalty that the Commission assessed upon making a final determination.

5. Settlement Offers

Any offer to settle or compromise a debt owed to the Commission, including a payment in an amount less than the civil money penalty assessed or any restrictive endorsements contained on your check or money order or proposed in correspondence transmitted with your check or money order, will be rejected. Acceptance and deposit or cashing of such a restricted payment does not constitute acceptance of the settlement offer. Payments containing restrictive endorsements will be deposited and treated as a partial payment towards the civil money penalty that the Commission

assessed upon making a final determination. All unpaid civil money penalty amounts remaining will be subject to the debt collection procedures set forth in Section 2, above.

The confidentiality provisions at 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. Pursuant to 11 CFR §§ 111.42(b) and 111.20(c), the file will be placed on the public record within thirty (30) days from the date of this notification.

If you have any questions regarding the payment of the civil money penalty, please contact Ben Holly at Federal Election Commission, 1050 First St., NE, Washington, DC 20002, or our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt, press 5) or (202) 694-1130.

On behalf of the Commission,

Ellen L. Weintraub

**Ellen L. Weintraub
Chair**

ADMINISTRATIVE FINE PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

In accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43, the civil money penalty is \$2,128 for the 2018 April Quarterly Report. The payment is due within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

You may remit payment by ACH withdrawal from your bank account, or by debit or credit card through Pay.gov, the federal government's secure portal for online collections. Visit www.fec.gov/af/pay.shtml to be directed to Pay.gov's Administrative Fine Program Payment form.

This penalty may also be paid by check or money order made payable to the Federal Election Commission. It should be sent by mail to:

Federal Election Commission
PO Box 979058
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

If you choose to send your payment by courier or overnight delivery, please send to:

U.S. Bank - Government Lockbox
FEC #979058
1005 Convention Plaza
Attn: Government Lockbox, SL-MO-C2GL
St. Louis, MO 63101

PAYMENTS BY PERSONAL CHECK

Personal checks will be converted into electronic funds transfers (EFTs). Your account will be electronically debited for the amount on the check, usually within 24 hours, and the debit will appear on your regular statement. We will destroy your original check and keep a copy of it. In case the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in lieu of the original check. Should the EFT not be completed because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer twice.

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THE PORTION BELOW WITH YOUR PAYMENT

FOR: The Democratic Coalition

FEC ID#: C00612846

AF#: 3394

PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$2,128

